



## MEETING MINUTES

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second,  
and Third Tuesday of each month

#### REGULAR MEETING

County Courthouse  
Bridgeport, California 93517

May 13, 2008

9:05 **Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chairman Supervisor Bill Reid**  
Supervisor Bauer will be 5 minutes late

**Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Byng Hunt**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**  
No one Spoke

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Reid** reported on the following: meeting with Cougar Gold still trying to get core drilling permits; traveled to Mammoth met with MacFarland and Stewart from Friends of Mammoth, very informative; attended fund raiser; traveled to Walker met with citizens – senior center is doing very well, more money coming in, bus trip to Sutter Creek – Jim Hackels, Fire Safe Council from Swauger Creek – fire safe C.D. passed out

**Supervisor Hunt** reported on the following: Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting- reviewed draft budget; LAFCO no quorum; McKeon fundraiser Cino home; Tioga for annual bike ride; another week or week and one half before Tioga opening; met with Assessor candidate Jody Henning;

**Supervisor Hazard** reported on the following: May 7 management meeting; meeting with Inyo Supervisors and congressman McKeon – there is a chance/possibility of meeting in Washington, D. C. with Senator Boxer, Congressman McKeon and Supervisor Hazard to discuss Wilderness Issues. Farnetti feels that Supervisor Hunt should also go to Washington with Supervisor Hazard as he has been involved in this and is very knowledgeable about these issues.. Benton for afternoon ceremonies of Eastern Sierra Land Trust and Bramlette family (900 acres of land has been placed in a conservation easement). Spent the night in "bungalow" in Benton facing the valley..very nice; met with members of our staff re Boxenbaum project and water sharing-review of what is going on and where we are on it; discussion re Public Works Department; meeting with Assessor candidate Randy Cook –

#### M08-98 **Urgency item:**

**ACTION:** Motion by Supervisor Farnetti that Board determine that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to sending one or more Board members to Washington, D. C. to meet with Senator Boxer, Congressman McKeon and others regarding Wilderness Issues and that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and, therefore, the Board should add this item to the agenda.  
*Farnetti/Hunt 5-0*

*Hunt comments on Wilderness Issues and his concern on how this is being handled and discussed in Washington. All constituents of this county need to be represented.*

*Reid comments re phone calls he received re supporting the Wilderness Issue. Reid supports Hazard and Hunt going to Washington but*

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wants to make it clear that in as much as Hoover Wilderness is in Reid's district people will want to know why he is not going – answer is that Hazard and Hunt have taken over from John Cecil and Reid has not been involved from the beginning and it is good common sense that people that have been involved in this from the beginning should be the ones to go. It is a must to go to Washington and participate in a discussion and express the desires, etc. of Mono County and its citizens. Board members going to Washington will express that they want a level playing field.

Supervisor Reid wants overview of NRA from County Counsel's Office.

Bauer supports members going to Washington but she is concerned we are being used and they are going to do whatever they want to do and they will say that they have Mono Board support; Finsteins office representative would like to come before the Board on June 10, 2008 to hear all Wilderness issues from Board.

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**ACTION: Motion that Board authorize travel to Washington, D.C. by Supervisor Hazard and Supervisor Hunt.  
Farnetti/Reid 5-0**

**Supervisor Farnetti** reported on the following: Management meeting; Bridgeport Skate Park; discussion with paramedics re Mammoth Airport being closed all summer – this will present a problem for getting ill/injured persons out of area; Nova software (agenda preparation) LAFCO commission meeting – no quorum but looked at 08-09 budget – next meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> not available asks Bauer to attend. She agrees. Email from Senator Cox reporting \$506 million was stripped away from local law enforcement departments-not acted upon yet Town annual cleanup this Saturday – Town Council will be talking about a zoning change that will allow renting single family residences on a nightly basis. At this time only commercial properties can rent nightly.

**Chairwoman Bauer** reported on the following: Tioga Pass her information is less than two weeks to opening; June Lake CAC meeting; organization of Buck McKeon reception – good party; spoke with Dewey re Housing Authority issues;

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) **CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)**  
**ACTION:** Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

**David Wilbrecht** reported on the following: Management meeting –provides a lot of information: attended MAG meeting status meetings with staff; Inyo County Adm. Re IMAAA and Child Support issues (we are in MOU with Inyo county) expected cuts in Child Support from state – pressure for consolidation with Inyo County; Continuing to work through structure problems; need report on where we are and where we are going with Inyo; IMAAA discussion with Inyo CAO that we are interested in separating ourselves from IMAAA – Inyo CAO wants Mono Board to stay the course and not separate because we feel we are not getting our fair share. Many financial problems for Inyo County; Farnetti will attend Town/County Liaison meeting Thursday 1:30 p.m. Discussed with Supervisor Reid about doing a weekly report regarding opening of passes, ie: web info, etc. or a phone number re status of passes updated the same day each week.

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with correction)**  
Regular meeting of May 6, 2008. Correction re comments of Supervisor Farnetti changing item #14 to read "cost of living clause for inflation"  
**Hunt/Hazard 4-0 (absent Bauer)**  
*Supervisor Bauer present after vote on item #2*

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## CLOSED SESSION

**Closed Session: 9:10 a.m.**

**Break: 9:20 a.m.**

**Reconvened: 9:25 a.m.**  
*Nothing to report from closed session*

- 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Sheriff School –attended a ceremony honoring officers killed in California – photos will be submitted  
Brian Muir Finance Director: went to meeting in Redding called rural connections put on by California Emerging Technology Fund; \$60,000 is available to get service to unserved or underserved areas with Broadband; – representative at meeting is willing to make calls and interested in connecting fiber to make Broadband available where there is no service now. First step is to get backhaul in and we could assist Verizon financially with this through the fund monies.  
Supervisor Hazard is concerned that Crowley Lake will not be provided service and they are the ones having their backyards dug up. Need to have switches in all Mono areas so everyone get service.

Assistant Assessor Musil – 164 appraisals outstanding; mostly complicated and commercial properties.

## CONSENT AGENDA

*Farnetti/Hazard 5-0*

### PUBLIC WORKS

- 4) FY 07-08 RSTP Road Funding Agreement  
**ACTION:** Approve and authorize Chair's signature on the FY 07-08 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement for allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the State's Regional Surface Transportation Program.  
*Farnetti/Hazard 5-0*

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### SOCIAL SERVICES

- 5) Amendment #1 of the C-IV Joint Powers of Authority (**Ed Zylman**)  
**ACTION:** Authorize the Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors to sign Amendment #1 of the MOU between the California Statewide Automated Welfare System Consortium IV and the County of Mono.  
*Farnetti/Hazard 5-0*

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## REGULAR AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

6)

Received	Dated	From	Subject
May 6, 2008	April 24, 2008	Gene Coufal, Manager, Aqueduct Section, Department of Water and Power, to Ms. Vikki Bauer, Mono County	Mono County Transfer Stations and Landfills

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 7) Consider and Potentially Approve Expenditure of \$15,000 from the Fish & Game Fine Fund for Trout Stocking (**Dan Lyster**)
- No **ACTION:** Consider a recommendation from the Mono County Fisheries Commission to action expend \$15,000 from the Fish & Game Fine Fund for the purchase of brown and rainbow trout to be stocked in various Mono County waters.

Fish and Game Fine Fund is slow to replenish itself. Fisheries Commission must be aware of this. Fish in question will be stocked evenly throughout the county. Fisheries Commission plans to spend \$22,000 out of their budget to augment this. Supervisors are reluctant to deplete the Fish Fine Fund by \$15,000 so early in season and without really knowing if we actually will need more fish – too early. Reid – if anglers don't catch fish it doesn't necessarily mean there are not any fish in the water. Board will table this and take no action  
Calendar for future.

**NO ACTION**

## SOCIAL SERVICES

- 8) Foster Care Month Proclamation (**Ed Zylman**)
- ACTION:** Approve proclamation declaring May 2008 Foster Care Month.
- M08- **Hazard/Hunt 5-0**  
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- BREAK: 10:45**  
**RECONVENE: 10:55 a.m.**

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 9) Land Tenure Planning Grant (**Byng Hunt and Scott Burns**)
- ACTION:** (1) Support establishment of a steering committee for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Land Tenure Planning Grant. (2) Provide any desired direction to staff.
- M08- Relates to a grant we have already received for \$157,000; Has been in General Plan for years some of our communities are land-locked and have nowhere to expand; purchase private land or exchange land to add onto communities for the purpose of expansion; Inyo County wants to collaborate with Mono. Will need Public Works presence on committee. Sierra Business Council will be facilitator.  
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- Hazard/Hunt 5-0**

## PUBLIC WORKS

### 10a) Solid Waste Parcel Fee Program, FY 08-09 (**Evan Nikirk**)

- R08-25 ACTION:** (1) Approve and authorize the Chair's signature on Resolution **R08-25**, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Extending and Re-Establishing the Mono County Solid Waste Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2008-2009." (2) Approve and
- R08-26** authorize the Chair's signature on **Resolution R08-26**, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Implementation of a Solid Waste Fee Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes for Fiscal Year 2008-2009."  
**Hunt/Farnetti 5-0**

### 10b) Contract for Geotechnical Consulting Services (**Evan Nikirk**)

- M08-105 ACTION:** Authorize the Public Works Director (in consultation with County Counsel) to execute and administer an agreement with Sierra Geotechnical Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 to provide geotechnical consulting services associated with an evaluation of a slope failure on Owens Gorge Road. This authorization shall include making minor amendments to said agreement from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work or budget and are approved as to form by County Counsel.  
**Hazard/Reid 5-0**

### 10c) STIP Project Prioritization (**Evan Nikirk and Gerry LeFrancois**)

- M08-106 Discussion:** Roads in tri-valley are in very bad shape; Funding for California Road projects no longer has a reliable source of funding. Funding from State is based on road mileage – could abandon some mileage but would receive less funding. Possibly abandon some roads and recycle some material on to other roads. Board should show up at CTC meeting – Thurs. May 29<sup>th</sup> formal adoption of STIP proposal in San Diego. Supervisors cannot attend because of prior commitments – Supervisor Farnetti may be able to attend.
- ACTION:** (1) Continue April 8 Board discussion regarding potential state reduction in local STIP funding for road rehabilitation projects and prioritize County project programming for the 2008 STIP cycle. (2) Adopt option 3 presented by Public Works  
**Hazard/Hunt 5-0**

## ADJOURN

**12:15 p.m.** The regular meeting of the Mono County Housing Authority scheduled for May 13, 2008, is cancelled. The Housing Authority will meet in special session on May 20, 2008.

Mono County Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session on **May 20, 2008**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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